Hoffa Loses Again In Bid For Parole

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. Board of Parole Friday again denied former Teamsters Union boss James R. Hoffa parole.

Chairman George J. Reed said Hoffa's case will be reconsidered in June of 1972, the date previously set when the board denied Hoffa's parole application last March 31.

His case was given a special rehearing after Hoffa dropped his ties with the Teamsters in an attempt to bolster his chances for parole.

Hoffa has been in the Lewisburg, Pa., federal prison since March of 1967. He is serving a 13-year prison term on convictions of jury tampering and mail fraud.

Reed said Hoffa's entire record, including the information that he had resigned as Teamsters president and had paid the $20,000 in fines resulting from his convictions, was reviewed by the eight-member board.

Hoffa's son, Detroit Teamsters attorney James P. Hoffa, appeared before the board on his father's behalf. Reed said there were no other witnesses and that no new testimony had been introduced by the Department of Justice.

The special rehearing was granted by the board early last month on the basis of "undisclosed new and substantial evidence." The decision to grant a special hearing takes only two votes while granting parole requires five votes.

The board's decision was reached in executive session, and the vote was that the board would review Hoffa's relationship, if any with the Teamsters at that time.

Having served four years and five months of his combined sentence, Hoffa would be eligible for release with time off for good behavior on Nov. 28, 1975.

When the board denied his last application for parole, on March 31, it said his case would not be taken up again until June of 1972. But with spring, the lock frozen on Hoffa's chances for freedom began to thaw.

In May, the younger Hoffa held a series of meetings with Asst. Atty. Gen. Will R. Wilson, head of the Justice Department's criminal division. Neither would disclose that the meetings took place.

In June Hoffa passed the word he was resigning as president of the Teamstrters.